

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.     A method of performing a test, comprising:  
2                 performing a first test with a first test system;  
3                 performing a second test with a second test system:  
4                 in each of the first and second test systems, receiving plural parameters;  
5     and  
6                 in each of the first and second test systems, identifying a file name of a  
7     data file to use in each of the first and second tests based on the plural parameters.
- 1           2.     The method of claim 1, further comprising performing at least another test  
2     with at least another test system using the data file.
- 1           3.     The method of claim 1, further comprising, in each of the first and second  
2     test systems, accessing a storage system over a network to find a file name containing  
3     strings in each of the plural parameters.
- 1           4.     The method of claim 3, wherein accessing the storage system comprises  
2     accessing the storage system to find a file name containing a concatenation of the strings.
- 1           5.     The method of claim 1, wherein each of the tests is performed on a  
2     database, and wherein one of the parameters represents the database.
- 1           6.     A method of performing a test, comprising:  
2                 receiving a first value;  
3                 receiving a second value representing a database to perform a test on; and  
4                 combining the first value and the second value to generate a file name of a  
5     test file to use in the test.

1           7.     The method of claim 6, wherein receiving the test value comprises  
2 receiving a predetermined string, the predetermined string being part of the file name of  
3 the test file.

1           8.     The method of claim 6, further comprising performing the test using a test  
2 module and invoking a routine, from the test module, to generate the file name of the test  
3 file.

1           9.     The method of claim 8, further comprising executing the test module in a  
2 test system.

1           10.    The method of claim 9, further comprising the test module performing a  
2 test on the database coupled over a network.

1           11.    The method of claim 6, further comprising performing the test using a first  
2 test system, wherein the receiving and combining acts are performed in the first test  
3 system.

1           12.    The method of claim 11, further comprising, in a second system:  
2 receiving the first value;  
3 receiving the second value representing the database;  
4 combining the first value and the second value to generate the file name of  
5 the test file; and  
6 performing another test on the database using the test file.

1           13.    The method of claim 12, wherein the first test system performs a first type  
2 of test and the second test system performs a second type of test.

1           14.    A test system comprising:  
2                    an interface to a network coupled to a storage unit containing a data file  
3   for use in a test;  
4                    a control unit;  
5                    a routine executable on the control unit to receive a first parameter and a  
6   second parameter and to combine the first and second parameters to form a string,  
7                    the routine to identify a file name of the data file based on the string.

1           15.    The test system of claim 14, further comprising a test module executable  
2   on the control unit to perform the test.

1           16.    The test system of claim 15, wherein the routine is invocable by the test  
2   module.

1           17.    The test system of claim 14, wherein the routine is executable to access the  
2   storage unit and to search file names on the storage unit for a file name containing the  
3   string.

1           18.    The test system of claim 14, further comprising a test module is executable  
2   on the control unit to perform a test of a database coupled to the network, the second  
3   parameter representing the database.

1           19.    The test system of claim 18, wherein the test module is executable to pass  
2   the first and second parameters to the routine.

1           20.    The test system of claim 19, wherein the routine is executable to prompt a  
2   user for one or both of the first and second parameters if not passed by the test module.

1           21.    The test system of claim 20, wherein the routine is executable to set a file  
2   name of a default data file if not received from the test module or the user.

1           22.    An article comprising at least one storage medium containing instructions  
2   that when executed cause a system to:  
3                combine a first parameter and a second parameter to form a string;  
4                access a storage unit over a network, the storage unit containing plural data  
5   files; and  
6                identify one of the data files based on the string to for using in a test  
7   procedure.

1           23.    A method of performing a test, comprising:  
2                receiving a first parameter containing a predetermined value;  
3                receiving a second parameter representing a database to perform a test on;  
4                concatenating the first parameter and the second parameter to generate a  
5   string that is at least a portion of a file name; and  
6                searching a predetermined directory on a device to find a test file  
7   containing the string.

1           24.    The method of claim 23, further comprising accessing the device over a  
2   network to search the predetermined directory.

1           25.    The method of claim 23, further comprising:  
2                prompting a user for a value of the first parameter; and  
3                setting a default value for the first parameter if the first parameter value is  
4   not received from the user.

1           26.    The method of claim 25, further comprising:  
2                prompting the user for a value of the second parameter; and  
3                setting a default value for the second parameter if the second parameter  
4   value is not received from the user.

1           27.    A system comprising:  
2                    an interface to a network coupled to a storage unit containing a directory  
3 of data files;  
4                    a control unit;  
5                    a routine executable on the control unit to receive a first parameter and a  
6 second parameter and to concatenate the first and second parameters to form a string, the  
7 first parameter containing a predetermined value, and the second parameter representing a  
8 database to perform a test on,  
9                    the routine executable to search the directory to find a file name of one of  
10 the data files that contains the string and to set the one data file as the data file to use for  
11 the test; and  
12                   a test module executable on the control unit to perform the test.

1           28.    A method of performing tests, comprising:  
2                    receiving a predetermined common parameter;  
3                    receiving a second parameter representing a database to perform a test on;  
4                    concatenating the common parameter and the second parameter to  
5 generate a string that is at least a portion of a file name; and  
6                    searching a predetermined directory on a device to find a test file  
7 containing the string,  
8                    wherein receiving the common parameter, receiving the second parameter,  
9 concatenating the common parameter and the second parameter, and searching the  
10 predetermined directory is performed in each of plural test systems.